

Diversity Education Project

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Minutes Planning Group Meeting September 8, 2008, 1pm

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1. Announcements: Laurie announced that Ralph Cordova has agreed to facilitate the DEP in Spring 09 during Laurie's sabbatical
2. Minutes from April 9 and 30, 2008: Discussed these, as a reminder of past issues. The April 30 meeting had been devoted to planning for the 09 Inquiry Conference, so Bill offered to take copies of those minutes to an Inquiry Conference planning meeting scheduled for later in the week.
3. DEP activities for 2008-2009:
 - Laurie updated the group on our current collaboration with Piasa Bluffs Writing Project, including a session that she and Nicole Klein facilitated during the PBWP Summer Institute.
 - The possibility of applying for SOE professional development funding in order to hold a one-day workshop on some aspect of diversity was discussed as a possibility for the year.
 - The group discussed the need to make sure that any planned workshops are well-attended.
 - The group decided that one interesting and useful area of focus for one or two events this year would be religious diversity. A fruitful discussion of the various issues involved and of the need to address the issue was held. Peter will develop some ideas and a tentative plan for discussion at our next meeting.
4. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 13, 1pm. Laurie will invited all teacher education faculty to join the DEP Planning Committee and to participate in the meeting. Location TBA.

Minutes submitted by Laurie Puchner, January 30, 2008

